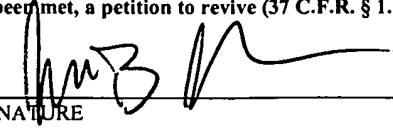


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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A NATIONAL STAGE FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371</b>  |   | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>1342-68369-03<br><br>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.5)<br><b>10/591736</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/US2005/008744  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>March 15, 2005 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>April 1, 2004  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>REINFORCED RETAINING WALL AND METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION</b>   |   |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>James Hammer and Michael Simac</b>  |   |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |   |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). Items 5, 6, 9 and 21 indicated below are submitted to make this express request.</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The United States has been elected in a Demand for International Preliminary Examination (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English-language translation of the International Application (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau to the United States Receiving Office).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English-language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English-language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> |   |   |
| <b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>  |   |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28 and 3.31 and the Recordal fee of \$40.00 are included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. § 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English-language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. § 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract on a separate page.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Opinion.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Examination Report.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Search Report.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copies of References Cited.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>   |   |   |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.5)  |              | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/US2005/008744                               |            | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>1342-68369-03 |          |
| The following fees are submitted:   |              |  |            |   |          |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 C.F.R. 1.492(a))..... \$300  |              |  |            | \$  | 300.00   |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 C.F.R. 1.492 (c))<br>If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$0<br>All other situations .....\$200  |              |  |            | \$  | 200.00   |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.492(b))<br>If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Articles 33(1)-(4).....\$0<br>Search fee (37 C.F.R. 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....\$100<br>International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB.....\$400<br>All other situations .....\$500  |              |  |            | \$  | 400.00   |
| <b>TOTAL OF 21, 22, and 23 =</b>  |              |  |            | \$  | 900.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.   |              |  |            |   |          |
| Total Sheets  | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof<br>(round up to a whole number) | RATE       |   |          |
| 25 - 100  | 0 / 50 =     | 0  | x \$250    | \$  | 0.00     |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e)).   |              |  |            | \$  |          |
| CLAIMS  | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA   | RATE       |   |          |
| Total claims  | 34 - 20 =    | 14   | x \$50.00  | \$  | 700.00   |
| Independent Claims  | 5 - 3 =      | 2  | x \$200.00 | \$  | 400.00   |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)   |              |  | + \$360.00 | \$  |          |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>  |              |  |            | \$  | 2,000.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small entity status is claimed for this application. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.   |              |  |            | \$  |          |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>   |              |  |            | \$  | 1,000.00 |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.492(f)).   |              |  |            | \$  |          |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>   |              |  |            | \$  | 1,000.00 |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.  |              |  |            | \$  |          |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>  |              |  |            | \$  | 1,000.00 |
|   |              |  |            | Amount to be refunded                     | \$       |
|   |              |  |            | Amount to be charged                      | \$       |
| <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>1,000.00</u> (check no. 124948) to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>02-4550</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please return the enclosed postcard to confirm that the items listed above have been received.</p> |              |  |            |   |          |
| <p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.494 or § 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>   |              |  |            |   |          |
| <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE ADDRESS ASSOCIATED WITH<br/><b>CUSTOMER NUMBER 24197</b></p>  |              |  |            |   |          |
| <p>KLARQUIST SPARKMAN, LLP<br/>One World Trade Center, Suite 1600<br/>121 S.W. Salmon Street<br/>Portland, OR 97204-2988</p>  |              |  |            |   |          |
| <p>SIGNATURE </p>   |              |  |            |   |          |
| <p>NAME <u>Jeffrey B. Haendler</u></p>  |              |  |            |   |          |
| <p>REGISTRATION NUMBER <u>43,652</u></p>  |              |  |            |   |          |